

**Administration on Aging
and
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services**

Aging and Disability Resource Center Grant Program

Organization Name: Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs

Project Title: Rhode Island One Stop

Total Project Period: 9/30/2003 – 9/29/2006

Total Award Amount: \$749,000

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Project's Overall Design:

The Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs (DEA) proposes to create Elder and Adult Disabled Resource Centers that will provide services to the elderly and individuals with physical disabilities. DEA will develop a Resource Center in Cranston, Rhode Island, near Providence. A number of Older Americans Act, Medicaid and state funded programs will be co-located at the Resource Center site. Up to three satellite mini-centers will be established through an RFP process in additional locations throughout the state. Resource Center infrastructure will include a toll-free line, a Web-based resource directory and benefits screening tool supported by a Real Choice Systems Change grant, and an integrated information management system. To facilitate systems coordination and collaboration written agreements will be established with key partners. By Executive Order of the Governor, a Long Term Care Cabinet will be established to ensure a coordinated, consumer focused, cost effective system of long term care. Rhode Island is in the process of consolidating services funded through state funds, Medicaid, and other federal programs into a new Long Term Care Support Program. The DEA project director for the Rhode Island Performance Outcomes Measurement Project will work with a contractor to conduct a project evaluation.

Target Population:

- Year One – persons 60 and older and people with physical disabilities
- Year Two and Three – persons 60 and older and people with physical disabilities

Anticipated Outcomes:

- Establish a highly visible Resource Center for the elderly and adults with physical disability
- The public will have a consistently high level of trust in the objectivity, reliability and comprehensiveness of the information and assistance available through the Resource Center

- The amount of time and level of frustration and confusion associated with accessing long term support will be reduced
- Consumers will be satisfied that their needs, preferences, unique circumstances and feedback have been accommodated by the Resource Center
- Rhode Island's long term support system will be rebalanced to ensure that eligible individuals receive more appropriate, less costly forms of support based on the individual's preferences and in a manner that promotes money following the person

Involvement of Community Based Organizations and Other Stakeholders:

- **Advisory Committee:** A One-Stop Resource Center Advisory Committee will be established with broad stakeholder representation and will include representation from the Advisory Commission on Aging, Governor's Commission on Disabilities, Real Choices Consumer Advisory Committee, DEA Home and Community Care Advisory Committee, Independent Living Council, Long Term Care Coordinating Council, Governor's Advisory Council on Health, RI Disability Coalition, DEA Coalition for Diverse Elder Services, Council of Community Mental Health Organizations, and others. Twelve at large positions will be filled by elders and adults with disabilities. The RI Long Term Care Cabinet will have ultimate responsibility for the funding, operations, and coordination of long term care services in Rhode Island.
- **Partners:** Key partners include the Rhode Island Department of Human Services, Interfaith Community Dire Emergency Fund, Rhode Island Governor's Commission on Disabilities, University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training,